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Interview Summary

Application No.

10/031,874

Applicant(s)

TANHA ET AL.

Examiner

David J. Blanchard

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) David J. Blanchard.

(3) Margaret McKay.

(2) Larry R. Helms.

(4) Jasmid Tanha.

Date of Interview: 07 July 2005.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 25-30.


Identification of prior art discussed: Frenken et al [a] and [b] and Casterman et al, already of record.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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LARRY R. HELMS, PH.D
PRIMARY EXAMINER

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Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The substance of the interview focused on claim 25 and the art of Frenken et al [a] and [b] and Casterman et al as cited in the Office Action mailed 5/3/2005. Applicant argued that the art of Frenken et al [a] and [b] and Casterman are directed to VHH and not VH and applicant stated that llamas produce both VHH and VH, which are more similar to conventional VH domains of VH-VL pairs (see bridging paragraph of pages 14-15 of the specification). Examiner Helms questioned how the claimed VH llama antibodies are different from VHH llama antibodies and how steps (a)-(e) differ from the prior art to produce a VH llama antibody that is distinguishable from the prior art. The interchangeability of the terms "VH" and "VHH" in the prior art as well as in applicant's disclosure and claims (i.e., "VH or VHH"; claims 26-28) to refer to the same variable heavy domain from camelids remains ambiguous. Applicant indicated that a response addressing the above issues and the previous Office Action mailed 5/3/2005 will be submitted.

Respectively,
David Blanchard
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